

Arthur Through My Eyes

There is a delightful store on Vine Street that beckons you in with its creative window

displays and unique clothing items... Frenchie's Boutique. Frenchie's is owned and op-

erated by Jamie Monts who lives in Arthur with her husband Andy and two daughters,

Sophie and Chloe.

They love calling Arthur "home" and their business

is a welcome addition to our downtown since it opened Thanksgiving weekend 2018 on "Small Business Saturday."

At that time, the store was located in the front of a small apartment building just immediately south of Crossman Law Office (which is now an empty lot). Jamie moved out of that building a month or so before a fire broke out, which destroyed the building, and by the grace of God, the life of the gentleman who was living in the back apartment at the time, was spared.

Then in the fall of 2020, Frenchie's Boutique doors opened further north on the west side of Vine Street where it's presently located (in what used to be "Delbert's Men's Clothing" years ago). Within a few months, covid hit. "I pretty much opened the doors and then had to lock the doors. It was a rough way to start... just starting to grow the business and then having to lock it down" Jamie commented.

This young and determined business woman is no stranger to trials as one year later, she experienced one of the greatest losses in her life when her Mom, her "partner in crime" as she affectionately called her, lost her battle with cancer in October of 2021.

Jamie's Mom (Debbie Tiffan) lived in Arthur with her husband Dave and was instrumental in helping her get the business up and running. "She was my right hand woman. Everything I did, she did. She helped me with the whole process. We did everything together." It was quite a blow to lose her best friend and cheerleader and made it difficult to continue to enjoy running "Frenchie's", but she was motivated to continue the work she and her Mom started together and to honor her

memory by doing so.

I asked her if there was anything specific in the store that particularly reminded her of her Mom and Jamie quickly replied, "the bathroom." It had a "golf theme" when they moved into the space and Jamie's Mom said, "Oh, this is NOT gonna do!" And so she bought the leopard wall paper and decorated it herself. Mom and daughter BOTH have an artistic eye with a creative flair, which is apparent as you peruse the store.

Frenchie's was born from the combination of Jamie's graphic t-shirt business and her personal love of boutique shopping. The store carries in-house made graphic T's and jewelry, women's clothing size small to 3XL, girl's clothing, shoes and accessories. It is a very unique and creative store to enjoy.

When I asked Jamie what she enjoys about having a business in downtown Arthur she replied, "I enjoy the small community. My local customers who return are very important to me."

I then asked her what she appreciates most about Arthur itself... "Raising children in a community that feels like everyone is involved and help each other - like a family. I don't have to worry about my 10 year old daughter walking to the pool because I know there are people around who know her. People all around who will help you."

In closing, she wanted to express gratitude to all those customers who continue to support Frenchie's and is always eager to welcome new ones.

Encouraged by the
Perseverance of
Those Among Us,
Trudy Feyereisen

Real Faith For Real Life

From Pastors of the Arthur Ministerial Association

How Faith Works

Abraham is one of the most fascinating characters in the Bible. He is strictly a man of faith ... a man who believes in God, trusts in God, and responds to God. Abraham is the first human who boldly declares, "Here I am, Lord" when God calls.

Abraham is fascinating also because he can't be pinned down to any one of our 3 major religions ... they all claim him as a spiritual father and great patriarch of their faith. Jews, Christians and Muslims all agree that Abraham is a model for a life of faith.

For Christians, the story of Abraham begins in the 9th chapter of Genesis, and his life influences everything that is to follow. That's why, when Paul is looking for a biblical figure from the past to convince the Jews that the days of Moses and law-following are over, he preaches about Abraham's faith and trust in God.

And, as many have taught, the life of Abraham is just as relevant to us today as it has been for thousands of years to Jews, Christians and Muslims. Scott LaPierre, in his book, A Father Offers His Son, presents 6 lessons we all can learn from Abraham, to better understand and to strengthen our own lives of faith. I've added my

thoughts to each one.

Lesson One: Abraham was Ready to Obey God

There's something inside each person that is yearning to be set free. It's the spark of the divine, the image of God that exists in all of us. That spark is always hungry to return home to God, from whence it came. The blessing happens in our life when we listen to that small, still voice inside of us that says ... "you are my beloved - the time has come to turn to God, to repent of self-centered ways, and to listen for God's voice. When that hunger inside becomes too fierce to ignore, then one is ready to obey God.

Lesson Two: Abraham Obeyed God When It Did Not Make Sense

So, the thing about listening to God is that God may say some things to you that sound really strange ... and hard! That's when many people stop listening. But not Abraham. Indeed, this is the time when faith is first really tested. When you think God is calling you to something that seems totally unreasonable and literally impossible ... then you know it's probably God!

Lesson Three: Abraham Did Not Delay Obeying

The one superpower that

faith gives you is the trust to believe that it's all true! Everything. From Genesis to Revelation. Trusting in God is a sense of assurance that God is with me, God is leading me, and God is on my side. With that assurance, faith compels action. We know God's voice. We hear God's call. And we become willing to respond.

Lesson Four: Abraham Would Not Let Anyone Interfere with Him Obeying

By this time, other people in your life have probably noticed something different about you. You may not be acting like you used to. You might be doing things or saying things that surprise those around you ... or even shock them. To stay true to God's call, to keep focused on God's voice, and to not let anyone interfere with your relationship with God no matter what ... this is the sign of a person of faith ... a man or woman of God.

Lesson Five: Abraham Understood Obedience Is Worship

There is a perception among some folks that following God is going to be hard, embarrassing, and generally a net loss to my social and personal life. And nothing is farther from the truth. Obeying God is the same thing as bringing joy to your

life. Obeying God is the remedy for all that ails you. Obeying God is the freedom you have been seeking. And most of all, obeying God is worship - it's a lifestyle for the ordinary everyday sinners who get a chance at the lottery of life - living for God and God alone. When this happens, life itself becomes worship to God.

Lesson Six: Abraham Trusted God

When all is said and done, it always comes back to TRUST. How much are you willing to trust God with your life? Sometimes it really is that simple. God called Abraham. Abraham heard God calling. Abraham had faith that God was going to lead his life now. And Abraham trusted God ... over and over and over again. So many Christians get right to the point of stepping over that line and giving it all to God, and stop there. Giving anymore to God would just be too much, too hard, even foolish! But not for those who trust God. For they know, as Abraham knew, the only life worth living on this earth is one dedicated to God. That you can trust!

Be all you can be ...
trust in God,
Pastor Bob

Vine Street Christian Church



Church Directory

ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE

ARCOLA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - USA, 311 E. Jefferson, Arcola. Church School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m. Phone 268-3212

ARCOLA FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE - Rev. Ivan Jess 268-4769, 276-3020; Sam Miller, SS Supt. 202-6094. Sunday School, 9:30am Morning Worship, 10:30am; (Sign Language Interpreter) Sunday Evening Service 6:00pm; Wednesday evening Bible Study 6:00pm; Missionary Meeting second Wednesday night of each month.

ARTHUR MENNONITE CHURCH - 710 E. Park St., Arthur. Worship begins at 10:30 am each Sunday. Christian Education classes for all ages begin at 9:30 am. All are welcome, come and join us! Call 543-2781 for more information. Ministry Team: Glen Rhodes, Minister of Discipling & Administration; Jeff Marnier, Minister of Worship and Youth; Emily Kauffman, Minister of Outreach; Nancy Kuhns, Minister of Community Life. Website: arthurmennonite.org Email: arthurmennonite@gmail.com

ARTHUR SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH - 530 N. Vine St., Arthur. Pastor: Doug Davis. Worship 10:00am; Children's Church every Sunday morning at 9:30am, Nursery provided. Sunday Evening Worship 6:00pm, Wednesday: Service 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited. 543-2672.

ATWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH - 229 S. Main, Atwood. Pastor Don Gerkin. Phone 578-2880. Sunday School 9am; Church, 10am; Bible Study 6:30pm

BOURBON BAPTIST CHURCH - David Babb, Pastor, Sunday Worship, 9:30am; Sunday School 10:45am; bourbon.baptistchurch@yahoo.com

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH - Missouri Synod. 1 mile south of Sullivan on Highway 32. Glenn Strohschein, Pastor. Sunday Morning Service 10:00am; Sunday School 9:00am; Saturday services 5:00pm. Online services: www.worshipanew.com

FIRST APOSTOLIC CHURCH - 320 Surrey Lane, Arthur, Timothy Froese, Pastor. Sunday School 10am; Sunday Worship & The Word 11:15am; Wednesday Night Bible Study 7pm. Website: www.facarthur.org

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH (ABCUSA) - 120 E. Park, Arthur. John Stewart Pastor; Sunday School 9am, Worship 10am; American Baptist Women's Ministries meets 2nd Mon. 7pm; Prayer chain, 543-2296. For other activities and information, call church 543-2592 or Internet at www.firstbaptistarthur.com

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - 231 N. Illinois, Atwood, 578-2555. Woody White, Pastor. Sunday School 9am; Morning worship 10am; Youth 5:00pm; Discipleship Class 6pm; Woman's Bible Study Tues. 9am; IGNITE Children's Ministry Weds. 6:30-8pm. Child care provided at all services. Website www.firstbaptistatwood.org

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH - 300 Northline Rd., Tuscola, 253-2084, Sunday School 9:30am; Morning Worship 10:30am; Evening service 6pm; Wednesday Evening 6:30pm. A Ministry for Everyone: Sunday School for all ages, King's Kids, Teen Dept. Homebuilders & more! www.faithtuscola.org

LOVINGTON FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH - Corner of County (Route 32) and Church Streets. Worship 9:30am; Children's Church 4 yrs.-1st grade 10:15am; Sunday School 10:45am for all ages; Wednesday night Bible Study, 6:00pm. Craig Swinford, Pastor.

LOVINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 241 S. Broadway, Lovington Sunday School 9:15am; Worship 10:30am Larry Bricker, Minister.

FAITH FAMILY FELLOWSHIP - 228 N. Broadway St., Lovington. 873-8791. "Real Faith, Real Life". Sunday Service 10am. www.lovingtonfaith.org

EAGLE MOUNTAIN - Assembly of God. Pastor Darin Elder, 253-4444, 401 E. Sale St., Tuscola. Sunday Services, 10am and 6:30pm and Wednesday Evening Service 6:30pm Nursery and children's ministries provided during all services.

SUNNYSIDE MENNONITE CHURCH - Larry Rocke, Senior Pastor, Luke Goss, Assistant Pastor. Sunday School 9:30am; Services 10:30am

COWBOY CHURCH - Penn Station, 122 E. Progress, Arthur. 217-273-4202. Services 10:00 a.m. Sunday mornings. Darrell Helmuth, Minister. Everyone welcome.

JONATHAN CREEK CHRISTIAN CHURCH - "Forward in Christ, United in Love, Come as You Are". 1425 Jonathan Creek Rd, Sullivan, 728-4369.

Website: jrcreek.org. Email: jonathancreekchurch@yahoo.com. Pastor Tim Henderson. **Sunday Worship:** 8:00am Traditional Service, 10:00am Contemporary Service; 10:00am FROG (Fully Rely on God) Super Kids Church (for children 4-12); 6:00pm Believers Meeting (Contemporary Service.) **Corporate Prayer:** Tuesdays at 6:30pm. **Family Night:** Wednesday Evenings @ 6:30-8 pm Summer Schedule: 5/15, 5/22, 5/29, 6/5, 7/3, 8/7. Will start back weekly in September. Lite meal at 6:30-7pm then break up into classes til 8pm. **Bus Service Available** Call 521-9576 for bus info. Jonathan Creek Christian Church a Regional Life Transformation Center, LovingPeople to Life; **Everyone Welcome.**

NORTH VINE MENNONITE CHURCH - 312 N. Vine, Arthur, Brian Petersheim, Sr. Pastor; Mike Helmuth, Asst. Pastor. Sunday School for all ages 9:30am; Message 10:30am; Sunday evening services 6pm. No services on last Sunday night of every month. All are welcome.

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH - Washington & Pine Streets, Arcola, 268-3766. Rev. Angel Sierra, Pastor. Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.; Weekday Mass Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Confessions Wednesday 6:15 p.m. or by appointment. Affirmations Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Email: johnbaptist@consolidated.net

LIFEPOINTE CHURCH - 700 E. Main, Arcola. Nondenomination/Spirit-Filled Church. Ph. 217-268-4586. Rev. Gephard and Judy Warman. Sunday Worship Service: 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Pastor Rogelio Gutierrez - Spanish Church. Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 p.m. Friday Service: 7:00 p.m.

ARTHUR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 128 E. Illinois, Arthur. Pastor Jill Bunker. Worship 8am & 10am; Sunday School 9am Nursery for Sunday School and 10am Service. www.arthurunitedmethodist.org

VINE STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH - 249 S. Vine, Arthur. Pastor Bob Silvanik. Sunday School 9am; Worship 10am. Christian Women's Fellowship meets first Wednesday each month 1:30pm, September-June. Nursery and air conditioning.

ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST - P.O. Box 252, Arthur. 2 1/2 miles south of Garrett. Church Worship 9:00am; Sunday School, 10:15 a.m

LOVINGTON FIRST CHURCH OF GOD (ANDERSON) - 301 W. State St. Lovington, IL 61937. Pastor Rodney Houser. Phone 873-4749 9am Sunday School, 10am Morning Worship, Wednesday 7pm Midweek Services, adult and childrens ministries.

PRAIRIE VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH - 2423 CR 500 E, Lake City, IL 61937. Phone 677-2464. Nursery available for all services. Sunday School for K4-Adults 9:30 a.m. Worship and Children's Church 10:30 a.m. Sunday evening services 6:00 p.m. Wednesday night Bible Study 7 p.m. with Flyer's Club (K4-1st Grade), King's Kids (2nd-6th Grade) and Teens (7th-12th Grade) every Wednesday (Sept.-May). Email: info@prairieviewbaptistchurch.com Website: www.prairieviewbaptist.com

LOVINGTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - 360 W. Springfield Rd. Sunday School 9:30am, Morning Worship 10:30am, Evening Service 6pm, Wednesday Mid-Week Prayer & Bible Study, 7:00pm Church phone: 873-5116. www.fbclovington.org

NEW LIFE CHURCH - R.R. 1, Sullivan, IL 61951 (3 1/2 miles east of Sullivan on the Cadwell Rd.) Ph. 728-4200 Dave & Debra Dolan, Pastors; Liz Dolan, Minister of Music; Debra Dolan, Secretary. Sunday Worship 9am. Wednesday Worship Service (for all ages), 7pm. Website www.newlifesullivan.org

CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP - 212 E. Third Street, Arthur. Sunday Worship services 10am, Sunday evening worship service 6:30 pm. Everyone warmly invited to join us for worship.

UNITED CHURCH OF ATWOOD - 210 N. Main St., P.O. Box 379 • Atwood, IL 61913 • 578-2832. Mike Drake, Pastor. Non-Denominational Christian Church. Service: 10:00am. Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-Noon

Dementia

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an experience with someone with Dementia. Ten individuals raised their hands showing that they had an experience with someone with Dementia. (almost everyone in the room). There were eight people who had an encounter with someone who lived in the Arthur community with Dementia.

If you have a family member or are a caregiver for someone with Dementia, you can attend a support group held at the Arthur Public Library every month by Caregiver Advisor, Kim Weber. You may contact Weber at the Mid-Illinois Senior Services by calling 217-728-8521. The group helps

people learn how to care and interact with those who have Dementia. Greuel also has a program, "Dementia Friends Illinois" that she is able to present for anyone who is interested. You may email her at eciaaaccount@gmail.com.

During zoo season, Eberhardt Village has a bus that travels to Scovill Zoo (Decatur) on the first Monday of each month for those with Dementia and their caregivers. It is free to get in. For further assistance, the Alzheimer's hot-line is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year offering confidential support and information to people living with the disease, caregivers, families and the public: 1-800.272.3900.

Town Talk

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ture, "Well, after almost a year (or so...) my 2nd solo EP, "Hills And Hollers", finally comes to the end of its journey. There are songs about life, death, gettin' drunk, going to jail, hard work, love, and of course, a song about my mama! My last EP, "Chapters", was completed very quickly, and only involved one guitar and vocals. "Hills and Hollers" contains 8 tracks, and has a lot more meat on the bone, instrumentally and vocally! Big thanks to Jim Foerster at Mole Hole Studios, Christopher Brown and Eric Zarse for helping out with this project. I can't wait for y'all to hear it. Be on the lookout for this one!" Thanks to Lynn for keeping us all updated on your youngest! Bet she could tell you how you could get his EP! Maybe he will be able to come back to this area for a performance as he did last year.

AND MORE ALAH ATHLETE ACCOLADES
Last week I mentioned a couple of the girls on the track team who were recognized by the News-Gazette, Emma Ed-

wards and Josie Carillo. This week it is the boys' turn. Lyle Adcock was given all area honorable mention status and Logan Beckmeir was named to the all area second team by the News-Gazette. Lyle will be attending Lakeland this fall, and Logan will be headed to West-ern Illinois University where he will participate in track and cross country. Congratulations guys!

HOMECOMING

Hope all you Arthur grads received your mailing for Homecoming this year which will be the weekend of September 29 and 30. Parade on Friday at 2 p.m., game at 7 p.m. The alumni golf outing is on Saturday at Kaskaskia Country Club and the alumni banquet is also at the Club on Saturday evening. I will share more information in the coming weeks. For now, if you did not receive your mailing, call Rhonda Trower at 217-585-0962 or send an email to arthuralums@icloud.com. Hope to see you there!

HAVE A SAFE AND FUN WEEKEND AND 4TH!
And then enjoy the fair!
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and a Happy Birthday
for our firecracker Kaylee!

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